

APPENDIX B- Marked-up Copy of Amended Claims Showing Changes Made

19. (Four Times Amended) A kit comprising:
a sample collection device comprising a strip having a handle end and a collection end, said collection end having a collection pad, the collection pad being a sponge-like material made of polyvinyl alcohol [and
a dried biological sample containing an analyte, the dried biological sample contacting the collection pad],
wherein the device includes a means for facilitating removal of at least a portion of the collection pad from the strip to recover the analyte for detection or measurement by laboratory analysis; and
an information card for providing information about the patient.
25. (Amended) The [device] kit of claim [1] 19, wherein said strip is made of a polymer and is rigid enough to prevent drooping or bending of the strip during manipulation by a user of the device.
27. (Amended) A device for laboratory analysis of an analyte, the device comprising:
a strip having a handle end and a collection end, the collection end having attached thereon a collection pad for collecting and drying a liquid biological sample containing the analyte,
wherein the collection pad [comprises] consists essentially of a sponge-like material [comprising] made of polyvinyl alcohol.
29. (Amended) The device of claim [28] 27, wherein the collection pad consists of the sponge-like material [comprising polyvinyl alcohol].